

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) An additive composition that is free of polycyclic carboxylic acids and of acid derivatives thereof, for a fuel oil composition, comprising:  
an additive, (a), comprising a plurality of monocarboxylic acids, each having from 10 to 24 carbon atoms, or acid derivatives thereof, less than 7 mass % of which acids or acids from which said derivatives are derived having a linear chain and being saturated, and the balance being unsaturated, at least 35 mass % of ~~which~~ said balance being polyunsaturated.
2. (currently amended) An additive composition that is free of polycyclic carboxylic acids and of acid derivatives thereof, for a fuel oil composition, comprising or ~~obtainable~~ obtained by mixing:  
an additive, (a'), comprising a plurality of monocarboxylic acids, each having from 10 to 24 carbon atoms, or acid derivatives thereof, less than 7 mass % of which acids or acids from which said derivatives are derived having a linear chain and being ~~unsaturated~~ saturated, and the balance being unsaturated, at least 35 mass % of ~~which~~ said balance being polyunsaturated; and  
either or both of an additive, (b), in the form of an anti-oxidant additive and an additive, (c), in the form of an electrical-conductivity improver additive.
3. (currently amended) An additive composition that is free of polycyclic carboxylic acids and of acid derivatives thereof, for a fuel oil composition, comprising or ~~obtainable~~ obtained by mixing:  
an additive, (a''), comprising one or more monocarboxylic acids, the or each acid having from 10 to 24 carbon atoms, or acid derivatives thereof; and an additive, (c), in the form of an electrical-conductivity improver additive.
4. (currently amended) The additive composition as claimed in claim 1 ~~or claim 3~~ additionally comprising or ~~obtainable~~ obtained by mixing:  
an additive, (b), in the form of an anti-oxidant additive.

5. (currently amended) The additive composition as claimed in claim 1 additionally comprising or ~~obtainable~~ obtained by mixing:  
an additive, (c), in the form of an electrical-conductivity improver additive.
6. (original) The additive composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein a major proportion of the unsaturated acids or derivatives thereof has 18 carbon atoms.
7. (original) The additive composition as claimed in claim 6 wherein the acids include oleic acid, linolenic acid and linoleic acid.
8. (currently amended) The additive composition as claimed in claim 1 additionally comprising, or ~~obtainable~~ obtained by mixing, a carrier or diluent.
9. (currently amended) A fuel oil composition that is free of polycyclic carboxylic acids and of acid derivatives thereof comprising, or ~~obtainable~~ obtained by mixing, a fuel oil ~~such as a distillate fuel oil~~, in a major proportion, and an additive composition as claimed in claim 1, in a minor proportion.
10. (original) The fuel oil composition as claimed in claim 9 wherein the fuel oil is a middle distillate fuel, a jet fuel or a Fischer-Tropsch fuel.
11. (original) The fuel oil composition as claimed in claim 10 wherein the fuel oil is a middle distillate fuel having a cloud point of -5°C or lower.
12. (currently amended) The fuel oil composition as claimed in claim 10 ~~or claim 11~~ where the fuel oil is a middle distillate fuel containing less than 500 ppm by mass of sulphur.
13. (currently amended) A method of operating an internal combustion engine ~~such as a compression-ignition engine~~ using, as fuel for the engine, a fuel oil composition as claimed in ~~any of claims 9 to 11~~ claim 9.
14. (original) The method of claim 13 wherein the fuel oil is a middle distillate fuel containing less than 500 ppm by mass of sulphur.

15. (new) The additive composition as claimed in claim 3 additionally comprising or obtained by mixing:  
an additive,(b), in the form of an anti-oxidant additive.